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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 17-19 with the following amended paragraph:

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"Side ~~Seam~~ seam" refers to a region on a pant-like disposable garment, such as a personal care garment, where a front side panel is connected to a back side panel ~~to form a prefastened, pant-like garment.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, line 18 through page 18, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

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The flap elastic members 53, the waist elastic members 54 and 56, and the leg elastic members 58 can be formed of any suitable elastic material. As is well known to those skilled in the art, suitable elastic materials include sheets, strands or ribbons of natural rubber, synthetic rubber, or thermoplastic elastomeric polymers. The elastic materials can be stretched and adhered to a substrate, adhered to a gathered substrate, or adhered to a substrate and then elasticized or shrunk, for example with the application of heat; such that elastic constrictive forces are imparted to the substrate. In one particular embodiment, for example, the leg elastic members 58 include a plurality of dry-spun coalesced multifilament spandex elastomeric

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A2 threads sold under the trade name LYCRA[®] and available from E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, line 7 through page 21, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

A3 The bodyside liner 42 can be manufactured from a wide selection of web materials, such as synthetic fibers (for example, polyester or polypropylene fibers), natural fibers (for example, wood or cotton fibers), a combination of natural and synthetic fibers, porous foams, reticulated foams, apertured plastic films, or the like. Various woven and nonwoven fabrics can be used for the bodyside liner 42. For example, the bodyside liner can be composed of a meltblown or spunbond web of polyolefin fibers. The bodyside liner can also be a bonded-carded web composed of natural and/or synthetic fibers. The bodyside liner can be composed of a substantially hydrophobic material, and the hydrophobic material can, optionally, be treated with a surfactant or otherwise processed to impart a desired level of wettability and hydrophilicity. For example, the material can be surface treated with about 0.45 weight percent of a surfactant mixture including AHCOVEL[®]-62 from Uniqema Inc., a division of ICI of New Castle, Delaware, U.S.A. and GLUCOPON[®] 220UP from Cognis Corporation of Ambler, Pennsylvania, and produced in Cincinnati, Ohio,

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in an active ratio of 3:1. The surfactant can be applied by any conventional means, such as spraying, printing, brush coating or the like. The surfactant can be applied to the entire bodyside liner 42 or can be selectively applied to particular sections of the bodyside liner, such as the medial section along the longitudinal centerline.
